

# **AUGUSTINE VENTURES INC.**

## **FIRST NATIONS POLICY**

Augustine Ventures Inc. recognizes the First Nations people as the original and continuing inhabitants of the land. They have unique traditions and political, social and cultural values distinct from other Canadians, as well as legal rights that are recognized and affirmed in Canada's Constitution.

Augustine Ventures Inc. recognizes that resource development must fully respect and be consistent with First Nations rights as defined in the Canadian Constitution, common law, treaties, and land claim and self-government agreements and Augustine Ventures Inc. will work to strike a balance between these considerations and other economic, social and environmental responsibilities.

Augustine Ventures Inc. is committed to:

- Establishing and maintaining positive relationships with First Nations people within the areas in which we operate.
- Consulting with First Nations people on social, economic, environmental and political issues of mutual concern.
- Working with First Nations communities for mutual benefit in a relationship of respect, understanding and trust and developing a solid understanding of First Nations issues and First Nations cultural diversity.
- Providing the opportunity to build a relationship based on recognized commitments and mutual respect, in order to develop trust and understanding between the First Nations and non-First Nations communities.
- In building these critical relationships, Augustine Ventures Inc. recognizes its responsibility to increase the level of aboriginal participation by creating opportunities in business and economic development, providing employment and training, while minimizing environmental impacts and social concerns.

Augustine Ventures Inc. supports the vision of the First Nations people to realize their dream of self-government, self-sufficiency and utilization of all their skills and talents towards the betterment of their community, as well as all of Canada.